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In re Patent Application of )  
Kengo Akimoto et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1651  
Application No.: 09/807,541 ) Examiner: Kaliash C. Srivastava  
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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT )  
EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE LIPIDS )  
AND METHODS OF PRODUCING )  
LIPID AND LIPID VESICLES )  
ENCAPSULATING LIPIDS USING SAID )  
MICROORGANISMS )

**REQUEST TO ASSOCIATE PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record hereby requests that the above-identified application be associated with the following PTO Customer Number of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P.:

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The undersigned is an attorney of record pursuant to the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which was originally filed with the application on April 13, 2001.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this request, it would be appreciated if the United States Patent and Trademark Office would contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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